

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

STEPHEN TAPP, §  
*Plaintiff*, §  
§  
V. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:11-CV-02971  
§  
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH §  
SCIENCES CENTER AT HOUSTON – §  
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, §  
*Defendant*. §

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**DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION  
AND DESIGNATION OF LEAD COUNSEL**

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TO THE HONORABLE LEE H ROSENTHAL:

Defendant, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, files this Notice of Substitution and Designation of Lead Counsel. Defendant hereby notifies the Court that Assistant Attorney General Darren G. Gibson should now be designated as lead counsel and attorney-in-charge for the Defendant in this case. Mishell B. Kneeland, former lead counsel, has left the employment of the Office of the Attorney General, and should be removed from all further electronic notifications regarding this case. Mr. Gibson has already made an appearance as co-counsel [Doc. 16].

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests that the Court remove Ms. Kneeland from all further electronic notifications regarding this case and enter Mr. Gibson as lead counsel of record and attorney-in-charge for Defendant, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

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